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2009-10

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## Senate

Committee on ... Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection (SC-SBEPTCCP)

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#### **Senate**

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# Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection

#### Senate Bill 308

Relating to: a requirement that an employer permit an employee who is a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, first responder, or ambulance driver for a volunteer fire department or fire company, a public agency, or a nonprofit corporation to be late for or absent from work if the lateness or absence is due to the employee responding to an emergency that begins before the employee is required to report to work.

By Senators Vinehout, Darling, Hansen, Harsdorf, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Schultz, Taylor, Wirch and Robson; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Berceau, Bies, Clark, Danou, Dexter, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Hebl, Hintz, Hraychuck, Huebsch, Kerkman, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Mursau, Murtha, Nerison, Nygren, A. Ott, Petersen, Petrowski, Pridemore, Ripp, Schneider, Sherman, Sinicki, Smith, Spanbauer, Steinbrink, Suder, Townsend, Vos, Vruwink, Zigmunt and Brooks.

September 24, 2009 Referred to Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

October 14, 2009

#### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances For

- Justin Klis, Racine Wisconsin EMS Association
- Forbes McIntosh Wisconsin EMS Association
- Joel Nilsestuen On behalf of Senator Vinehout
- Michael Bruhn On behalf of Representative Gunderson
- Timothy Lorenz, De Pere
- Dave Bloom Chief, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association
- Larry Plumer Wisconsin State Firefighters Association
- Tim Whitham Chief, Johnson Creek Fire and EMS
- Robert Fleege Green County EMS

#### Appearances Against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

- John Metcalf Wis Manufacturers and Commerce
- Jeremy Levin Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
- Judith Warmuth Wisconsin Hospital Association

#### Registrations For

• Jeff Plale — Senator, 7th Senate District

#### Registrations Against

None.

#### Registrations for Information Only

• None.

#### November 4, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Holperin, seconded by Senator Lazich that **Senate Amendment 2** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 2 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Holperin, seconded by Senator Lazich that **Senate Bill 308** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (4) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin and Lazich.

Noes: (1) Senator Hopper.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Michael Tierney

Committee Clerk



# Augusta - Bridge Creek Fire Department, Inc.

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Larry Plumer

October 13, 2009

I understand there is some upcoming legislation regarding volunteer firefighters

and employers.

We have not had any major problems with this in the past. We have one firefighter who requires a written excuse from the chief to be excused and he is required to make up the time. We also have 3 firefighters employed by Pro Poly of America (who coincidently manufacture poly tanks for fire apparatus) who are allowed to leave from work for fire calls and are paid for the first two hours they are absent. Bush Brothers Company is very understanding but require the employees to at least call in and advise them. We attempt to get everyone to his or her full time jobs on time. Nortech Systems, which is directly across the street from the fire station, allowed an employee to respond to EMS calls, however they have discontinued that practice in the past year.

Hopefully the bill will assist those having difficulty with this situation.

Kenneth Zich Fire Chief

## WISCONSIN STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Of Wisconsin

P.O. Box 126 Durand, WI 54736



800-588-2989 Fax 715-672-8333

October 14, 2009

Mr. Fire Chairman and members of Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical College and Consumer Protection:

I am Larry Plumer, President of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association which serves just under 12,000 firefighters. I also serve as President of the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition, which serves the major fire groups and EMS associations in Wisconsin. In addition, I also serve as fire chief of the Durand City/Rural Fire Department and have served 43 years as a volunteer firefighter and EMS volunteer.

I'm here to speak in favor of Assembly Bill 464 relating to a requirement that an employee who is a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, first responder or an ambulance driver for a volunteer fire department or fire company, public agency or a nonprofit corporation to be late or absent from work if the lateness or absence is due to the employee responding to an emergency that began before the employee is required to report to work.

Wisconsin has 863 fire departments; 701 of these are volunteer; 105 are combination volunteer; 35 Career paid on call and 21 tribal, federal or private departments which total approximately 30,000 firefighters. Of these 30,000 firefighters, 17,365 are volunteers; 9,154 are paid on call and 4,585 are career firefighters and combined and together they answer to more than 100,000 fire calls each year.

There are 450 ambulance services in Wisconsin; 180 EMT basics, 130 EMT-intermediate technicians, 20 EMT-intermediate and 110 EMT paramedics totaling over 20,000 EMS personnel and serve over 500,000 calls a year.

Many of these 50,000 personnel mentioned above in these two groups are volunteers, probably about 75% to 80%.

One of the biggest problems we face is being punished if late for work. I've been told that some have been punished with up to 3 days off and with no wages. One was slightly injured on Friday and was told to come to work on Tuesday and when she showed up, there was no longer a job for her. There have been many numerous stories but no one will put it on paper or testify due

Re: Assembly Bill 464 October 14, 2009 Page 2

to the possibility of being laid off from their jobs or some form of discipline will occur. Some chiefs won't testify either as companies will know where it came from.

One way to solve this problem is to go full time or combination which will cost more, leading to higher taxes and make it hard to recruit firefighters to serve our communities or home and emergency services. We presently have many, many excellent volunteer departments and are able to work side by side with combination or career departments. This is also true in the EMS section.

What we are asking for is assistance to protect our families and our job; to be able to protect our communities and be able to help our neighbors when emergencies face us.

On behalf of all the firefighters and EMS personnel, I hope you will see it in your power to pass this bill. It is very important to all Wisconsin communities and their families.

Be safe and thank you for your time today.



Subject

FW: Please Read

From

Tim Lorenz <tlorenz@

Date

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 18:26

To

tim.lorenz@us.army.mil



From:

Sent: Thu 10/1/2009 5:57 PM

To:

Subject: Please Read

#### Staff,

The management recently discussed an issue that we would like to share with the entire staff. With the number of miles that we put on of vehicles coming to work there is always a chance that you are going to come upon an accident scene where you are one of the first to arrive on the scene.

So here you are in your Company uniform, on your way to work, what do you do? Do you just keep going because you don't want to be late or do you stop and give first aid.

The management team reviewed the Good Samaritan Law (Wisconsin Statute 895.48) and found that as EMS providers we are NOT obligated to stop at the scene of an accident. I think that some of us would decide to stop and render aid. Remember you are in a Company uniform and you are not being paid when you are in your personal vehicle. You are able to provide only care at the level you are trained at. The state statute also says that once emergency personnel arrive that you are NOT obligated to stay with the patient if you have performed skills that the emergency crews are able to continue to care for. This means that if you are a paramedic and stop at an accident the Good Samaritan Law covers you as far as turning care over to a lower level of care if the responding service is a EMT-Basic level.

Company wants to be supportive to anyone that stops to render aid at an accident, however we all have to remember that we have customers that need help too. So if any employee is late due to this type of incident the employee will be written up. However, each instance is looked at by a case by case basis and there is a chance the write up could be lowered, but this is not a guarantee.

The best suggestion would be to stop provide first aid until the emergency crews show up and then leave. The time frame should only be a few minutes and you could essentially be to work on time.

If you have any questions go to any member of the management team.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication,





# KATHLEEN VINEHOUT

#### STATE SENATOR

Testimony in support of SB 308

Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges and

Consumer Protection

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Good afternoon Chairman Wirch and Committee members. Thank you for hearing Senate Bill 308 which protects volunteer firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and First Responders from being punished for their service to the public good.

Citizens and businesses across Wisconsin depend on volunteers to protect their lives and property. Today over 90% of Wisconsin's firefighters and 80% of Wisconsin's EMTs are volunteers. These highly trained men and women selfishly give of their time and skills for the well-being and safety of our communities.

Day and night our volunteer firefighters, first responders, ambulance drivers and EMTs risk their lives to keep our homes and businesses safe and protect our families and neighbors in the event of an emergency situation. We all likely know someone who is alive today because of the work of these dedicated professionals who are an essential part of our communities' well-being. This issue is personally important to me because volunteer EMTs once saved my life and for that I will always be grateful.

Unfortunately, the incidence of employer discrimination directed at community volunteers is becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin. Too often, our volunteers are subject to unwarranted discipline simply because they are late or absent from work due to an emergency call.

To remedy this, Rep. Gunderson and I authored Senate Bill 308. A majority of the language is taken from model legislation from Ohio, which has clearly demonstrated this proposal can and does work to the best interests of citizens, communities and employers.

Senate Bill 308 does the following:

By no later than 30 days after becoming a member of a volunteer fire department or becoming affiliated with an ambulance service provider, submits to the employer a written statement signed by the chief of the volunteer fire department or by the person in charge of the ambulance service provider notifying the employer that the employee is a volunteer firefighter, EMT, first responder, or ambulance driver.

- \* When dispatched to an emergency, makes every effort to notify the employer that the employee may be late for or absent from work due to the employee's responding to the emergency or, if prior notification cannot be made due to the extreme circumstances of the emergency or the inability of the employee to contact the employer, submits to the employer a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider explaining why prior notification could not be made.
- \* When late for or absent from work due to responding to an emergency, provides, on the request of the employer, a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider certifying that the employee was responding to an emergency at the time of the lateness or absence and indicating the date and time of the response to the emergency.
- \* The bill prohibits an employer from: 1) interfering with, restraining, or denying the exercise of the right of an employee who is a fire fighter, EMT, first responder, or ambulance driver to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill and from discharging or discriminating against such an employee in promotion, in compensation, or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment for responding to an emergency as provided in the bill; 2) opposing a discharge or discrimination in violation of the bill; 3) filing a complaint or attempting to enforce a right under the bill; or 4) testifying or assisting in any action or proceeding to enforce a right under the bill.
- In addition, an employee whose right to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill is interfered with, restrained, or denied or who is discharged or discriminated against in violation of the bill may file a complaint with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and DWD must process the complaint in the same manner that employment discrimination complaints are processed under current law. If DWD finds that an employer has interfered with, restrained, or denied the right of an employee to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill or has discharged or discriminated against an employee in violation of the bill, DWD may order the employer to take action to remedy the violation, including reinstating the employee, providing compensation in lieu of reinstatement, providing back pay accrued not more than two years before the complaint was filed, and paying reasonable actual costs and attorney fees to the complaint.

SB 308 is a common sense solution to a growing problem. The bill has bi-partisan support and is endorsed by the Wisconsin Fire Chiefs' Association, the Wisconsin State Firefighters' Association and the Wisconsin EMS Association.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It is my hope the committee will act swiftly on this bill in recognition of the important work of our volunteer emergency personnel. Providing job protections to these brave men and women strengthens the protection and life-saving response they provide to our communities.





#### **Testimony**

TO: Senator Robert Wirch, Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Small Business,

Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

FROM: Forbes McIntosh

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

**RE:** Support Senate Bill 308

The Wisconsin EMS Association represents approximately 7,500 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and nearly 380 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin EMS Association has worked in coordination with the Wisconsin State Firefighters' Association and the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association on the legislation the Committee is considering today.

It is important to note that approximately 80% of Wisconsin's EMTs are volunteers. Wisconsin residents, businesses and government relies heavily upon the goodwill and sacrifice of our local men and women willing to take the time, expense and work it takes to first become a licensed EMT and then to work \ volunteer an 8-hour shift.

Please understand that an EMS Service is required to staff its service 24-hours per day 7-days per week with two EMTs on each ambulance. Although an ambulance may have several calls during a shift or none at all – that ambulance must be staffed at all times with 2 EMTs.

All of us are busy with our jobs, family and the various activities that fill our lives. I find it amazing that we have such committed individuals willing to volunteer so much of their lives to EMS.

However, the reality is that today it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find those men and women willing to undertake the required education and time to become a licensed EMT and then after becoming licensed be willing to volunteer 2-3 eight-hour shifts per week and weekend to staff that ambulance.

The Wisconsin EMS Association believes this legislation is necessary to not only protect the individuals who volunteer – but to maintain and promote the very act of emergency services volunteering.

We all benefit from these men and women who volunteer as EMTs, Firefighters and First Responders. They save lives and frankly they keep your property taxes down.

You will notice that Senate Bill 308 and Assembly Bill 464 are not the same proposals you have seen in the past. The organizations representing emergency services last session decided to look at states with volunteer job protection laws that work for both the employee and the employer. The State of Ohio provided us with the model legislation that we believe will provide Wisconsin with that balanced and fair approach.

#### What the bill does:

Requires an employer to permit an employee who is a volunteer Firefighter, EMT, First Responder, or Ambulance driver to be late for or absent from work, without pay, if the lateness or absence is due to the employee responding to an emergency that begins before the employee is required to report to work and if the employee does all of the following:

- By no later than 30 days after becoming a member of a volunteer fire department or becoming affiliated with an ambulance service provider, submits to the employer a written statement signed by the chief of the volunteer fire department or by the person in charge of the ambulance service provider notifying the employer that the employee is a volunteer firefighter, EMT, first responder, or ambulance driver.
- When dispatched to an emergency, makes every effort to notify the employer that the employee may be late for or absent from work due to the employee's responding to the emergency or, if prior notification cannot be made due to the extreme circumstances of the emergency or the inability of the employee to contact the employer, submits to the employer a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider explaining why prior notification could not be made.
- When late for or absent from work due to responding to an emergency, provides, on the request of the employer, a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider certifying that the employee was responding to an emergency at the time of the lateness or absence and indicating the date and time of the response to the emergency.
- The bill prohibits an employer from: 1) interfering with, restraining, or denying the exercise of the right of an employee who is a fire fighter, EMT, first responder, or ambulance driver to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill and from discharging or discriminating against such an employee in promotion, in compensation, or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment for responding to an emergency as provided in the bill; 2) opposing a discharge or discrimination in violation of the bill; 3) filing a complaint or attempting to enforce a right under the bill; or 4) testifying or assisting in any action or proceeding to enforce a right under the bill.

An employee whose right to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill is interfered with, restrained, or denied or who is discharged or discriminated against in violation of the bill may file a complaint with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and DWD must process the complaint in the same manner that employment discrimination complaints are processed under current law. If DWD finds that an employer has interfered with, restrained, or denied the right of an employee to respond to an emergency as provided in the bill or has discharged or discriminated against an employee in violation of the bill, DWD may order the employer to take action to remedy the violation, including reinstating the employee, providing compensation in lieu of reinstatement, providing back pay accrued not more than two years before the complaint was filed, and paying reasonable actual costs and attorney fees to the complaint.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. On behalf of the 7,500 Wisconsin EMS Association members, we urge the Committee to support passage of Senate Bill 308 as provided.

Thank you.





TO: Members, Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and

**Consumer Protection** 

Senator Robert Wirch, Chairperson

FROM: Jeremy Levin, Director of Advocacy

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

DATE: October 14, 2009

RE: Information Only -Senate Bill 308- Allowing Absence from Work for Emergency First Responders

On behalf of our thirty-five member rural hospitals, who take pride in serving their communities, the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC) wants to express our concerns on Senate Bill 308, relating to an allowance permitting an employee who is a type of first responder to be late for or absent from work due to the employee responding to an emergency.

While the job that a volunteer first responder does is difficult, greatly appreciated, and can be a crucial first step in patient care and entry into the health care system, SB 308 could have some unintended consequences on the health care system. Among them, absences of workers from a health care facility could:

Lead to critical staffing levels that jeopardize patient care.

• Lead to care coordination problems that complicate and increase cost of care.

These factors are just some of the reasons that further consideration needs to be brought in reviewing SB 308. In the 24-hour, year-round environment of hospitals and other health care facilities, making sure proper patient coverage and care is provided is paramount. Patient intake can uptick quickly, adverse weather conditions, illness or scheduled leave might cause health care facilities to quickly become short-staffed. The blanket approach that SB 308 takes by allowing further absence without required notice to the health care facility may jeopardize patient care. All of this will be amplified in rural areas where the likelihood of staff being a volunteer first responder is greater and potential at finding a qualified substitute quickly will be more difficult.

Additionally, the fiscal note attached to this legislation acknowledges increased costs that are likely to occur through the use of overtime by local governments having to fill in for the missing employee. It is even more likely to assume that health facilities would also need to fill holes, and a high probability that the amount of emergency first responders is likely to be the same or higher than local government because of the similarities in duties.

It should be pointed out that Legislature is also considering additional legislation that would limit staffing strategies and use of overtime by health care facilities. Limiting the tools available to hospitals impairs their ability to insure that the correct number of staff is available whenever and wherever the need presents. SB 308 would potentially add another burden to healthcare facilities as they struggle to staff for unpredictable patient care demands.

Wisconsin's rural hospitals are strongly committed to improving patient safety as we provide quality and patient-centered care. RWHC asks the committee members to consider the possible negative ramifications of Senate Bill 308 and any potential amendments that might alleviate the concerns raised. Hospitals and other health care facilities need as much notice and predictability to correctly staff facilities to provide the best patient care.



#### WISCONSIN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

To:

Members of the Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency

Preparedness, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection -

Robert Wirch, Chair

From:

Judy Warmuth RN, Vice President Workforce Development,

Wisconsin Hospital Association

RE:

**Testimony for Information on SB 308** 

Date:

October 14, 2009

Chairman Wirch and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Judy Warmuth and I am the Vice President of Workforce for the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA). I am also a registered nurse with many years experience in hospital nursing and nurse leadership roles.

WHA recognizes the valuable and important role played by volunteers in our communities. Volunteers are partners with hospitals in providing many critical health and healthcare services. We also understand the intent behind this proposed legislation to encourage and support volunteer efforts.

But I am here today to raise the issue of unintended impact this proposed legislation could have on hospitals. Many voluntary emergency providers are full or part-time employees in hospitals. Their presence on duty, in the hospital role is important – even critical – in providing care to our patients. Hospitals are responsible for the patients in their care 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. When an employee fails to appear for a scheduled shift, care for our patients is put at risk. Hospitals that are unprepared or even uninformed about a staff absence will not be able to provide care as planned.

When a volunteer employee, scheduled to work in the emergency room fails to report for work, a hospital's ability to receive patients is compromised. In this case, the risk is that a volunteer manned ambulance will arrive at an ER to find that it does not have the staff to accept patients. I cannot believe this is the intent of the bill, but it is a possible consequence in a small hospital.

It is also ironic that while proposing that employees be allowed to be absent or late for work, the legislature is also considering a separate proposal that would prevent hospitals from expecting an employee to stay beyond their scheduled shift to provide care to patients in the event of staffing crisis.

I am asking the committee to consider carefully the potential risk to hospital staffing, patients and patient care created by this bill. SB 308 exempts paid fire departments and ambulances service providers from the definition of employer in the bill. We believe that hospitals should also be exempt and have raised the issue with supporters and authors.

Thank you.





### **Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association**

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October 14, 2009

TO:

Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and

**Consumer Protection** 

FROM:

Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association

RE:

Senate Bill 308

The State of Wisconsin is dependant on the volunteers that provide emergency services to many of our communities. Approximately 85% of the firefighters in the State of Wisconsin are volunteer. Those volunteers sacrifice many hours away from their families to train for emergency situations, fund raise to purchase equipment and respond from the comfort of their homes to protect their communities. The volunteers are the backbone of many rural communities in Wisconsin.

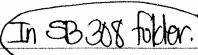
Local communities are struggling with the current economy and have also struggled to recruit and retain volunteers to serve those communities. The volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services save those communities millions of dollars in wages and benefits, which do not have to be raised through taxes in those communities.

The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association has been told of volunteer firefighters who have been disciplined with time off without pay and even dismissed from their job for coming to work late after an emergency incident. We would hope that employers understand that if they make it difficult for their employees to volunteer for the community the volunteer is going to usually choose to hang on to their job. When that happens the fire department looses that volunteer for that emergency response or even looses the volunteer completely because they give up the fire department. This is detrimental to the local communities and businesses because now the fire department does not have adequate resources to protect those businesses.

SB 308 will provide Wisconsin volunteers with the job protection that our volunteers deserve and will allow our small communities and businesses the protection that they expect. Please support SB 308.

If you have questions please contact Dave Bloom, Legislative Liaison, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association at 608-444-3324.





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34	36	Massachusetts	48	16	22	33	40	2	6,506,600	312	2.2	Devel Patrick	,
3.6	39	Connecticut	45	18	33	31	37	3	3,504,700	178	2.2	M. Jod Rell	~~~
34	18	Arizona	31	14	45	7	38	47	6,562,700	210	3.8	Jan Brewer	***
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40	42	Mississippi	18	49	20	46	19	46	2,946,000	72	1.5	Heley Berbour	_
41	46	Maine	44	25	32	36	25	19	1,315,600	40	1.8	John Baldacci	
42	46	Alaska	37	28	40	29	11	44	000,000	30	1.8	Sean Parnell	
43	44	Kentucky	16	45	24	45	44	31	4,290,400	127	1.6	Steven Beahes	
44	49	Louisiens	20	50	36	34	8	50	4,418,500	145	1.9	Bobby Jindel	
45	34	New Jersey	49	20	47	44	24	5	8,699,200	390	1.3	Jon Corzine	-
46	50	West Virginia	4	48	40	28	43	37	1,815,700	46	1,7	Joe Manchin III	
47	36	Vermont	43	13	44	49	42	9	621,300	22	21	Jim Dougles	
48	43	Weconein	35	36	37	41	45	11	5,638,700	198	1.5	Jim Doyle	
49	47	Michigan	39	46	8	50	50	30	9,978,900	328	-0.9	Jennifer	
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spending does not - economic recovery does not feel like fiscal recovery Factors influencing revenue take time to reattain pre-recession level, but

# of quarters after the GDP trough until pre-recession level is re-attained

Real state and local government current expenditures**	Н	<b>~</b>	Н	₩	н
Real lo consumption of goods	Н	2	∞	4	1
Real proprietors' income, plus dividends, interest, rent	2	6	₩	13	13
Real wages	Ω	9	ĸ	4	11
Employment	9	4	2	∞	14
Real GDP	1	3	2	3	
Recession start-year:	1969	1973	1980	1990	2001

Source: BEA National Income and Product Accounts

Note: All variables deflated using GDP price index

\*\* 2007 is different so far





# Wisconsin Fire & EMS LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COALITION

Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin WI Chapter: International Association

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of Arson Investigators

Wisconsin EMS Association

Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Association

Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors

Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association

Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association

Wisconsin State Firefighters Association



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# About the Coalition

The Wisconsin Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition is made up of eight statewide public sector groups and state associations that represent all components and facets of fire and emergency medical services (EMS) interests. Founded in 1996, this group remains the leading coalition of emergency services organizations within Wisconsin. Throughout our history, we have educated and advised policy makers on hundreds of legislative initiatives. Legislators and state officials can be confident that when they receive information from the Coalition, they are truly hearing the voice of nearly 40,000 chief officers, firefighters, EMTs, emergency services educators, fire inspectors and arson investigators. Once the Fire & EMS Coalition takes a position, you can be assured of the united stand of everyone involved in the emergency services community.



The purpose of the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition is to serve as a clearinghouse for the review of proposed legislation that may impact the delivery of Fire and EMS throughout Wisconsin and the Nation. The Coalition serves as a forum for member groups and associations to provide information and gain support for legislative initiatives it has chosen to undertake.

As a whole, the Coalition will communicate a position to the legislature only for which there is unanimous support or opposition from all of the member groups. If all eight organizations do not agree on a position, no stance is taken or communicated by the Coalition, Individual groups are free to communicate on their own. However, for the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition to hold a position, all member groups must vote to hold the same position. When the Coalition takes a position, it is clearly the position of the entire emergency services community.

The delivery of fire and emergency medical services throughout Wisconsin is as diverse as those who provide these services. There are approximately 850 fire departments in Wisconsin made up of volunteer departments (82%), combination departments of at least one full time provider along with volunteers (12%), and full-time career departments (6%). There are more than 30,000 firefighters currently involved in the fire

service, with nearly 17,500 of them operating as volunteers, 9,150 paid-on-call, and 4,585 who make their career in the fire service.

While 32% of EMS is provided by the fire service, an additional 68% - or 10,000 more individuals - operate exclusively as EMS providers with no fire department involvement. There are currently 450 ambulance services operating with 16,000 emergency medical technicians and 6,000 first responders throughout the state.

Together, nearly 40,000 firefighters, EMTs, and first responders from approximately 1,100 fire and EMS providers impact the lives of millions of people each vear in Wisconsin.

Together, these nearly 40,000 individuals and approximately 1,100 fire and EMS providers are among the largest of any group or industry in Wisconsin.

Every year, there are approximately 500,000 ambulance calls completed throughout the state. More than 100,000 runs are completed by the fire service. Nearly 350,000 fire inspections are made. Thousands of firefighters and EMTs, whether career or volunteer, receive initial

and ongoing education, while the public is educated through events like Fire Prevention Week, National EMS Week. at local events, through public service announcements, and at community presentations.

Together, the Wisconsin fire and EMS services impact the lives of millions of people by providing emergency medical care, fire suppression, fire prevention, fire inspections, and education. While some providers, mostly in larger communities, are paid for their services, others receive little or no compensation for their time, work, and dedication. In fact, if the communities throughout Wisconsin were forced to pay even minimum wage for a minimal crew to staff these services full-time, the annual costs would exceed 20 million dollars. To continue to operate with 40,000 individuals would require far greater expense.

Working together with each other and with Wisconsin state officials and law makers, the members of the Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition are able to affect much greater good than any single organization can on its own. In turn, legislators and officials have one place to turn in order to obtain the broadest, most complete information regarding any aspect of emergency services. The next time you have a question, are considering the introduction of legislation, or need support for an existing bill, make your first contact the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Legislative Leadership Coalition.



# Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW)

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW) represents full-time fire fighters in 58 locals across Wisconsin. Our members include all the IAFF Locals in the State outside of Milwaukee. In many communities, we are both the fire fighters and the EMS system. The PFFW was first organized in 1935. One of our primary functions has been to represent our members and their families before both the Governor and the State Legislature. We actively participate in legislative debates to promote public safety issues, health and safety of fire fighters and EMTs, fire prevention and education, sufficient levels of state aid to our communities so they can provide the level of service their citizens expect and deserve,

and for adequate disability and retirement benefits for our members and their families. The objectives of the PFFW include cultivating a closer feeling of friendship and fellowship among the fire fighters and emergency medical personnel of the State of Wisconsin. We seek the promotion of legislation to advance the interests of fire fighters and emergency medical personnel, to maintain and improve an effective pension law, to promote a safe and healthy working environment for fire fighter and emergency medical personnel, to promote emergency medical services as fire-based service, to protect the fire fighters and emergency medical personnel in their positions, and the maintenance and improvement of the right to collective bargaining for the fire fighters and emergency medical personnel in every department in the State of Wisconsin.

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# WI Chapter: International Association of Arson Investigators

The Wisconsin Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators was first chartered in 1976. The organization is divided into five districts. This assures that all members have the opportunity to increase their knowledge in fire and arson investigation. The primary objective of the WCIAAI is the instruction of individuals for the purpose of improving arson investigation in the State of Wisconsin, and to educate the public concerning the arson problem in the state. In addition, we

seek to unite for mutual benefit with those public officials and private individuals engaged in the control of arson and kindred crimes. We: provide for the exchange of technical information and developments; cooperate with all law enforcement agencies and associations to further fire prevention and the suppression of crimes; encourage high professional standards of conduct among the members; and we continually strive to eliminate all factors which interfere with the administration of justice. Education is our mission, accomplished through annual Spring and Fall Seminars. We also conduct specialized training in fire investigation within our five districts around the State. We encourage you to visit our web site and contact your District Director for details. All of this tested training can be applied as points toward national testing to become a Certified Fire Investigator.

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SPRING SEMINAR	First week of June
FALL SEMINAR	First week of November



# Wisconsin EMS Association

The Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA) represents and supports the views and interests of our membership in Wisconsin communities by promoting education, sharing information, and facilitating legislative action. Founded in 1974, WEMSA currently has 7,500 individual members and 360 Service/Corporate members representing ambulance services, first responder organizations, and allied EMS organizations. The association is governed by a 12-member board of directors elected by the membership, and is run by six full-time and part-time staff members. The Wisconsin EMS Association hosts one of the largest EMS conferences in the United States with an annual participation of nearly 3,000. Publications include our bimonthly full-color magazine, *EMS Professionals*, and the *Hot Sheets* newsletter, published approximately every two

weeks or as items warrant. Throughout its history, the organization has worked on a large variety of projects, including creation of the Funding Assistance Program (FAP), First Responder certification, Flexible ALS staffing, Public Access Defibrillation, the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSA), the removal and prevention of license fees for providers and services, administrative rules for both the Department of Health and Family Services and the Department of Transportation, and dozens of other projects and interests. Always seeking the input of its members, WEMSA continually obtains feedback and information through town hall type meetings, direct mail and Internet surveys, and focus groups. Backed with the latest knowledge and information, the Wisconsin EMS Association is *Your Voice For EMS*.

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# Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Association

The Association was formed in 1981 after a meeting where several career chiefs recognized the need to provide educational material specific to the full-time fire chief. In 2007, there are more than 100 identified career fire chiefs within Wisconsin, all of whom are eligible to participate in this association. The Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Association (WFCEA) is closely aligned with the Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association (WSFCA). To be a member of the WFCEA, a full-time chief must first be a member in good standing with the Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association. The Education Association meets twice per year in the Spring and Fall to provide an educational forum to our members on a variety of topics that include but are not limited to fire and injury prevention, emergency medical services, fire suppression and rescue, current events, leadership, management, and human resource management. The mission of the Wisconsin Fire Chiefs Education Association is to foster continuing education, communication, networking, and political participation of a modern fire services chief officer. Association goals and objectives are to:

- 1. Provide regular educational seminars to its members
- 2. Provide for a forum of current issues affecting the fire services in the state of Wisconsin
- 3. Assist member chiefs with problems and concerns in their local jurisdictions
- 4. Provide a unified voice on issues with federal, state, and local legislative bodies
- 5. Provide career fire chiefs with a network forum for professional issues and concerns

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# Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors

The Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors (the WSFSI) was formed in 1962 to serve the needs of fire instructors in Wisconsin. State Chapter #1 of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors assists local instructors through the exchange of ideas, dissemination of information, and the presentation of seminars and conferences. All of this is geared toward helping fire instructors in their personal development and assisting them in

bringing quality education and programs to their own agencies. The WSFSI currently serves more than 400 members throughout Wisconsin and is growing every year. Anyone involved in the many aspects of fire service education is eligible for membership. Membership benefits include the availability of instructional materials through the Society, a chance to enhance personal development as a fire service instructor, a chance to interact with people involved in service training, and representation on Wisconsin fire committees. The society produces two annual conferences throughout the year, and publishes the WSFSI newsletter, *The Flashover*. The WSFSI also hosts a column and articles in *The Dispatcher*.

MEMBERSHIP	400
PRESIDENT	Tom Vandenack
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EXEC. SECRETARY	John W. Fulcher
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# Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association

The mission of the WSFCA is to establish an environment and provide opportunities for emergency service and related professionals to network. The WSFCA seeks to accomplish this through providing political advocacy and leadership, emergency service related information and educational opportunities, and by providing members with fellowship opportunities. The WSFCA represents and supports volunteer, combination, and career chief fire officers in Wisconsin. Objectives of the WSFCA include: bringing Fire Chiefs, Chief Fire Officers, and their associates together to discuss Fire Prevention, Fire Protection, Fire Suppression, and Emergency Medical Services; to assist in maintaining high standards of personal and departmental efficiency; to seek aid and counsel from those experts in equipment, building engineering, chemical, and research fields; to cooperate with government agencies to promulgate and effectuate plans for all phases of civilian defense in which all fire departments may best serve their individual communities; to encourage the formulation of plans for mutual aid and assistance to communities that may be afflicted by wide-scale

disasters; to help develop and expand public relations of the fire service at local, state, and national levels; to support all legislative matters that may be relevant, pertinent, and for the best interests of Fire Chiefs and the fire service; to sponsor continuing education for Fire Service personnel in technical and administrative fields related to the Fire Service; to sustain the high traditions of the Fire Service and to promote the welfare and protection of all its members; and to coordinate the efforts of all engaged in the field of fire protection to the end that such concerted action should achieve steady progress against the ravages of fire.

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# Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association

The mission of the Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Association (WFIA) is to provide the people of Wisconsin with effective life safety strategies through comprehensive inspection, public education, code management and fire investigation training, and to acknowledge that through diligent practice and enforcement, we keep all citizens – including members of the fire

service – safer. This mission is accomplished through the direction and guidance of the Executive Board and 16 Area Chairs. We provide educational opportunities at both the local and state levels through Area meetings and an Annual Conference, which includes both public education classes, as well as code enforcement classes. We have representatives involved in several Department of Commerce committees that relate to fire safety. We also actively participate in public hearings that effect these fire safety related issues. In addition, we have over a dozen active committees working toward a large variety of goals and projects identified by both the members and the board of directors for the Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association.

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The members of the WFIA represent the majority of fire inspections taking place throughout Wisconsin on an annual basis, and therefore are directly involved with the many issues the organization faces.

# Wisconsin State Firefighters Association

The Wisconsin State Firefighters Association was founded in 1968 to serve the firefighters and fire departments of Wisconsin. Presently, we serve approximately 12,000 members. The WSFA is comprised of nine board of directors, three of which are

elected each March at our annual convention/business meeting held at various locations throughout Wisconsin. Officers are elected by the board of directors each year following the annual convention. The association has a full-time executive secretary to maintain the daily business of the association. The objectives of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association include: promotion of fire prevention and the safety of firefighters and general public through legislation and education; the creation of a closer fraternal fellowship between fire departments throughout Wisconsin; the sponsorship of an annual conference to accomplish the goals and objectives of the association. Programs and outreach from the WSFA include scholarships for qualifying high school graduates going into the emergency services, and fire poster contests for grade school students. A fire prevention program is offered and judged from entries by fire departments based on their fire prevention programs. A Firefighter of the Year award is presented to a firefighter with outstanding service to his or her department and community. The WSFA publishes a bimonthly magazine, the Wisconsin Fire Journal, to keep members informed.

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# **Wisconsin Fire Service**

FACTS & STATISTICS

## There are currently 863 fire departments in Wisconsin

701 volunteer 105 combination volunteer and paid

35 career

21 tribal, federal, or private



## There are more than 30,000 firefighters in Wisconsin

17,365 volunteer 9.154 paid-on-call

4,585 career



# There are more than 100,000 fire calls each year in Wisconsin

Fires 10%

Rescue Calls 63%

Hazardous 6%

Service Calls 6%

False Alarms 9%

Other 6%



Approximately 350,000 fire inspections are completed each year in Wisconsin

# **Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services**

FACTS & STATISTICS

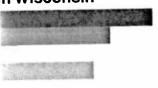
## There are currently 450 ambulance services in Wisconsin

180 EMT-Basic Level

130 EMT-Intermediate Technician Level

20 EMT-Intermediate Level

110 EMT-Paramedic Level



## There are more than 20,000 EMS Providers in Wisconsin

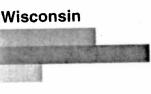
6.000 First Responders

9,200 EMT-Basic Level

2,800 EMT-Intermediate Technician Level

500 EMT-Intermediate Level

2,800 EMT-Paramedic Level



# There are approximately 500,000 ambulance calls each year in Wisconsin

Trauma 25%

Chest Pain 9%

Difficulty Breathing 8%

Abdominal Pain 6%

Altered Level of Consciousness 6%

Stroke 4%

Over 15 Other Categories 42%



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